

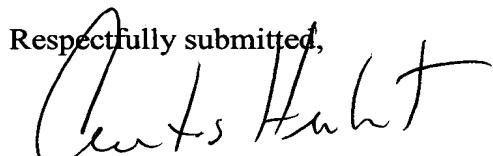
REMARKS

Claims 1-19 and 21-30 are pending. By this Amendment, claims 1-19 and 21-24 are amended claim 20 is cancelled and new claims 25-30 have been added. The amendments conform the claims to U.S. practice and do not narrow the scope of the originally filed claims.

In view of the foregoing, it is submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable consideration and prompt allowance of the application are respectfully requested.

The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned if the Examiner believes it would be useful to advance prosecution.

Respectfully submitted,



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